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The following is a chart of commodity prices on the Chinese mainland in May 1951. Each unit in the chart equals JPY 10,000.

Commodity	Unit	Chungking	Ch'engtu	Yan Hsiao (108-24, 30-49)	Lu Yehua (105-23, 28-53)	Hankow
Rice	picul	8.29	5.50	7.50	5.90	11.20
Wheat	picul	8.00	8.20	7.70	7.10	
Soya beans	picul	9.79	9.66	9.50	6.55	11.33
Flour	bag	7.15	7.90	6.80	5.90	12.60
Vegetable oil	picul	34.00	28.00	37.80	32.00	66.00
Salt	picul	13.80	17.00	15.70	13.10	21.50
Cotton	picul	93.50	88.00	96.00	89.00	
Sugar	picul	41.50	37.00	44.50	39.00	43.00
White cloth 20-thread	bolt	30.00	30.00	32.00		37.50
cotton yarn	piece	787.00	850.00	844.00	845.00	
Coal	picul	15.00	49.00	28.00	37.74	
Petroleum	picul	290.00				
Gasoline	can	410.00	372.00			450.00
Matches	box	60.00		62.00	110.00	24.10
Cigarettes	carton	2.67	1.68			2.65
Penicillin	dose	2.75	2.60	3.20		2.90
Towels	dozen	10.50	9.20		15.60	12.50
Socks	dozen	6.40	6.00		7.00	6.50
Toothpaste	dozen	58.00	61.20		60.96	88.00
Soap	box		70.00	15.10	13.50	7.20
Tung oil	picul	44.00	36.00	43.70	38.00	
Hog bristles	picul	642.00		629.00	594.00	
Tobacco leaves	picul	72.00	37.00			

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Commodity	Unit	Kueiping	Shanghai	Hankow	Sian	Canton
Rice	picul	8.30	12.40	9.60	14.00	11.20
Wheat	picul	16.00	11.70	10.30	9.80	8.50
Soya beans	picul	11.50		9.40	9.00	11.50
Flour	bag	13.00	8.20	7.10	6.25	9.71
Vegetable oil	picul	65.00	52.00	64.00	41.00	66.20
Salt	picul	23.00	13.00		11.50	12.50
Cotton	picul		98.50		79.00	77.50
Sugar	picul	54.00	57.00		60.00	52.60
White cloth	bolt	54.00	27.50	29.50	29.50	27.30
20-thread						
cotton yard	piece	915.00	715.00	755.00	765.00	754.00
Coal	picul	18.00	36.00	39.00	15.00	4.00
Petroleum	picul	33.00			180.00	265.00
Gasoline	drum	46.00			240.00	290.00
Matches	box	1.00	43.20	15.50	23.80	15.70
Cigarettes	carton	1.00	2.40	1.90	2.22	
Penicillin	dose	1.50	5.27		2.50	1.88
Towels	dozen	1.80	2.50		3.00	6.20
Socks	dozen	1.20	7.50		11.60	6.01
Toothpaste	dozen	1.00	46.80		48.00	78.00
Soap	box	1.00	9.60		18.50	19.90
Turp oil	picul	1.00	57.00			62.80
hog bristles	picul					
Toilets (toenails)	picul	12.00		109.00		

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1. Comment. In May 1951 one United States dollar equalled approximately 23,000 JRP.

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